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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2005 (Paper No. "Mail Date 041405"), sent in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and accompanying fee, which sets the time for a response to the Office Action to and through October 18, 2005.

In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows: